

I support media diversity

I am writing to you today to comment on Docket No. 02-277, The Biennial Review of the FCC's broadcast media ownership rules. I urge the FCC to retain the media ownership rules presently in effect. In Cincinnati where I live and work (for a small newspaper), our market is already dominated by too few companies. The proposed changes would exacerbate this situation.

We already have too few diverse sources of information. Media deregulation and consolidation would make the situation even worse. America is premised on having an informed electorate, and these changes run counter to that need. There might be more sources of media than ever before, but the spectrum of views presented have become more limited.

The public interest will best be served by preserving media ownership rules in question in this proceeding.

I urge the FCC to hold additional hearings around the nation to obtain the widest possible feedback from the public. The FCC must consider points of view beyond those with a financial interest in this issue. Our nation's social or civic interests are at stake.

With the serious impact these rule changes will have on our democracy, it is incumbent on the Commission to take the time to review these issues more thoroughly and allow the American people to have a meaningful say in the process.

Respectfully yours,

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